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THE ORIGINS OF A PURE MASCAN WITH GREAT ANCESTORS OF THE BARREKET
POWERFUL MAGIC, THANKS TO THE BLOODLINE
THE ONLY SON OF THE PROMINENT, GREAT MAGICIANS ELIAS AND ROMILY, WHOSE OWN REPUTATION RIVALS ELIAS'
THE STARTING POINT OF GERK ELIHUE WHO WOULD BECOME THE MOST FAMOUS GREAT MAGICIAN OF SIVILLA,
WAS QUITE- SPLENDID

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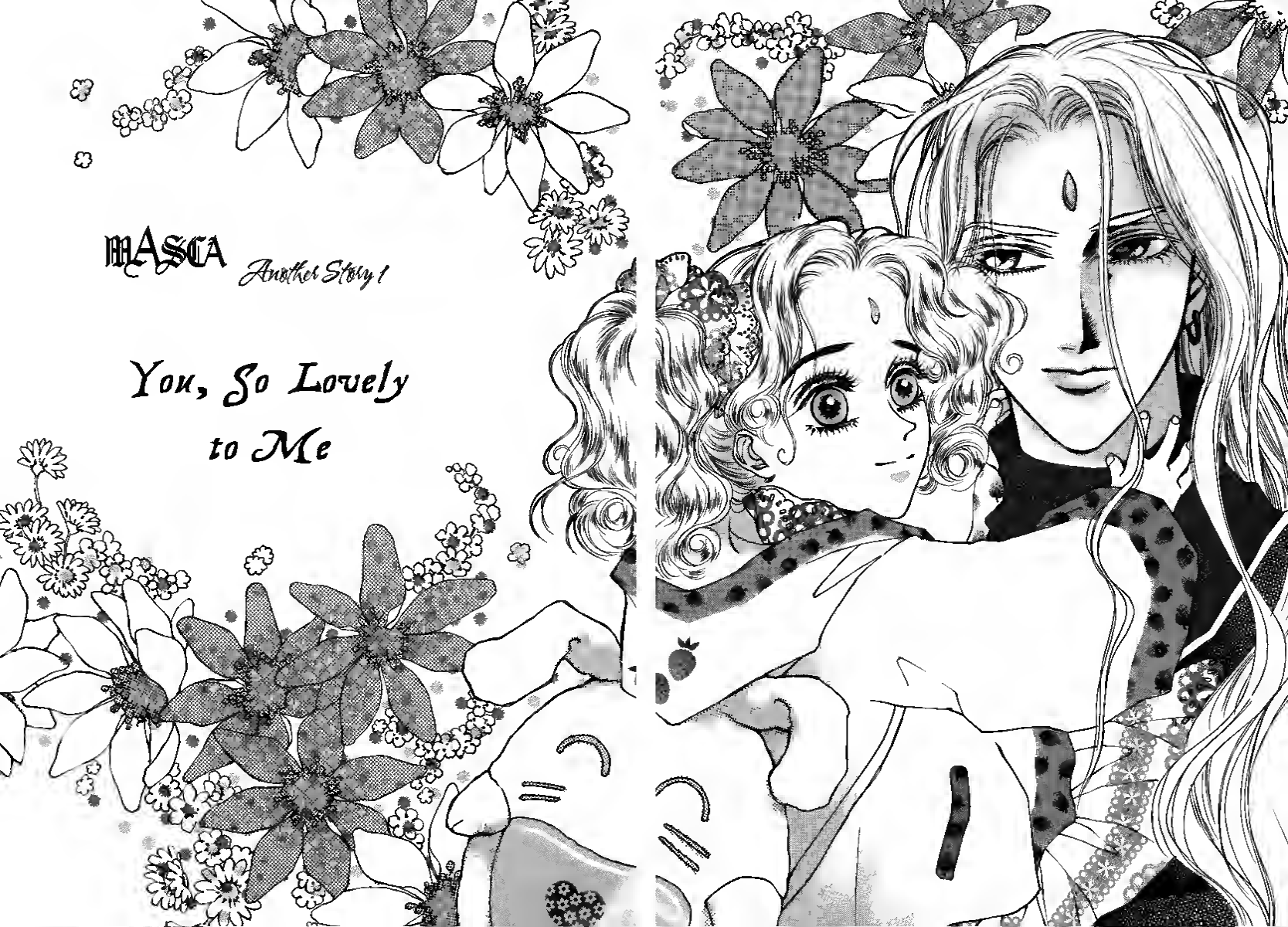
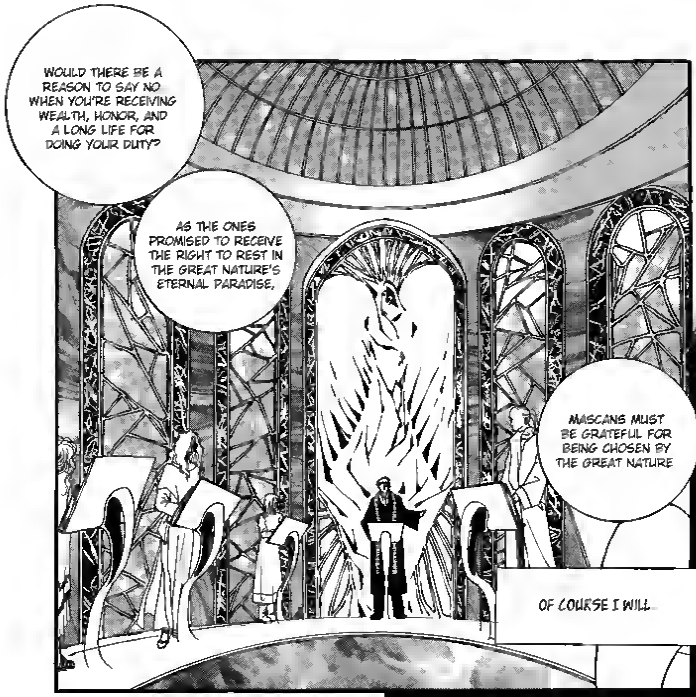
You, So Lovely to Me



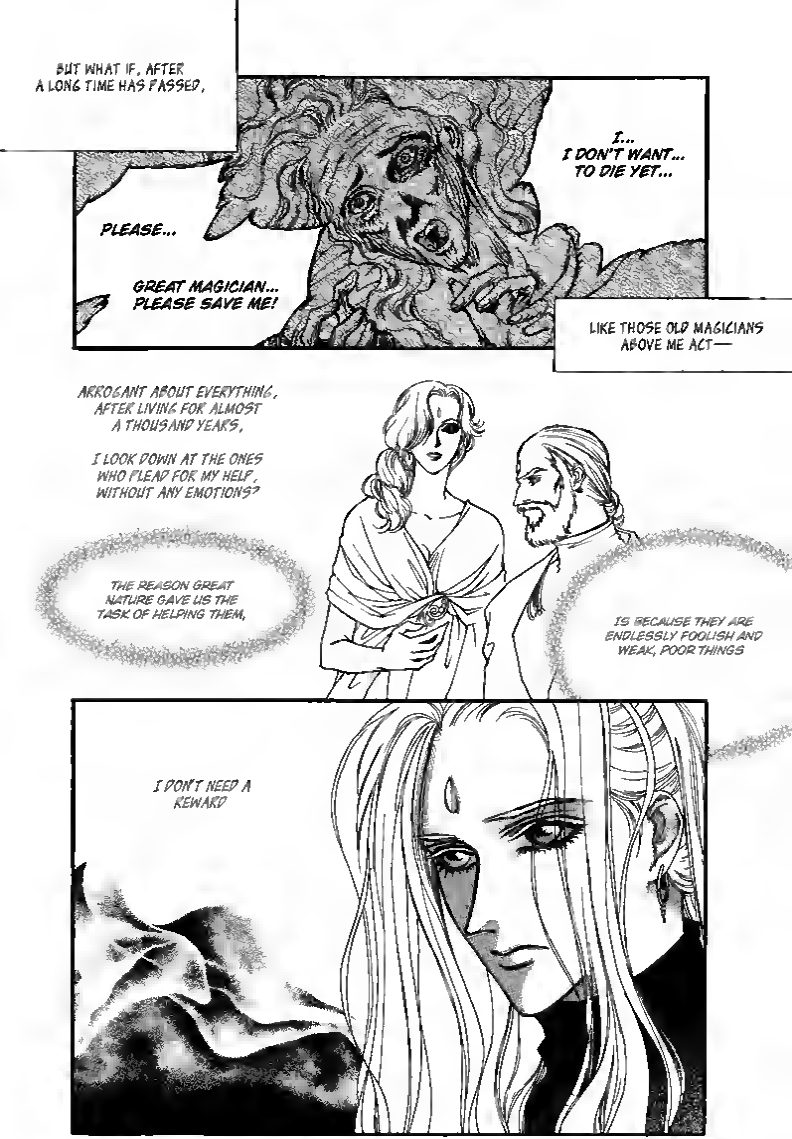

WOULD THERE BE A REASON TO SAY NO WHEN YOU'RE RECEIVING WEALTH, HONOR, AND A LONG LIFE FOR DOING YOUR DUTY?
AS THE ONES PROMISED TO RECEIVE THE RIGHT TO REST IN THE GREAT NATURE'S ETERNAL PARADISE,
MASCANS MUST BE GRATEFUL FOR BEING CHOSEN BY THE GREAT NATURE
OF COURSE I WILL..
I—
HAVE NO WISH TO DENY BEING A MASCAN
I DON'T HAVE ANY HYPOCRITICAL THOUGHTS, LIKE WISHING THAT I WAS A REGULAR HUMAN WITHOUT MAGIC POWERS
IT'S NOT THAT I'M UNHAPPY WITH MY CURRENT PLACE EITHER..

THE PROBLEM IS...
NO, TO BE EXACT,
I'M NOT HAPPY WITH THE FORM OF THE REWARDS GIVEN TO ME
BELIALS ARE STRONG
ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS, IT HASN'T HAPPENED DURING OUR GENERATION YET. BUT IT DEFINITELY SEEMS THAT THEY CAUSE DESTRUCTION
IF SO, WOULD MURDER AND DESTRUCTION BE THEIR DUTIES?
THAT I DIDN'T WANT ANY REWARDS FOR DOING MY DUTY AS A MAGICIAN

AND IF THE REWARD FOR THOSE DUTIES
IS IMMORTALITY, HOW UNFAIR IS THAT
EVEN IF WE DON'T BRING THEM UP,
...IF WE THINK ABOUT IT PERHAPS BELIALS ARE JUST SCAPEGOATS AND GET ALL THE CRITICISM AND CURSES INSTEAD?
GREAT NATURE CREATES DISASTERS AND HUMANS WAGE WAR
DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS, GATMIEL...!
IT'S NOT THAT I HATE IT

SERVICE AND DEVOTION—
AND ALSO, CONTROL...
THERE IS DEFINITELY
ENJOYMENT IN IT
IT'S NOT THAT I
HATE DOING THE TASKS
REQUIRED BY THE MAGICIAN'S
DUTIES...

BEING RESPECTED
RECEIVING SPECIAL PRIVILEGES
IT WOULD BE A LIE IF I SAID I DID NOT LIKE
THE UNDENIABLE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANYONE ON THIS EARTH, WITH MY POWER, KNEEL IN FRONT OF ME

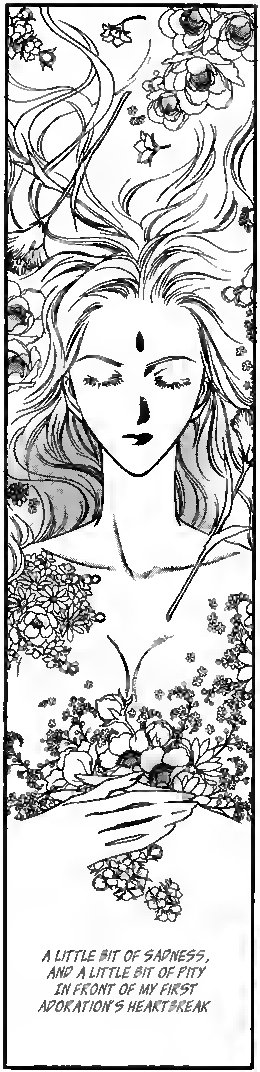

BUT WHAT IF, AFTER A LONG TIME HAS PASSED,
I... I DON'T WANT... TO DIE YET...
PLEASE...
GREAT MAGICIAN... PLEASE SAVE ME!
LIKE THOSE OLD MAGICIANS ABOVE ME ACT—
ARROGANT ABOUT EVERYTHING, AFTER LIVING FOR ALMOST A THOUSAND YEARS,
I LOOK DOWN AT THE ONES WHO PLEAD FOR MY HELP, WITHOUT ANY EMOTIONS?
THE REASON GREAT NATURE GAVE US THE TASK OF HELPING THEM,
IS BECAUSE THEY ARE ENDLESSLY FOOLISH AND WEAK, POOR THINGS
I DON'T NEED A REWARD

AM I... TAKING MY LIFE FOR GRANTED?
IF, AS ONE WHO ALREADY HAS GOALS FOR A LIFETIME,
I CONFESS THAT THOSE THINGS DON'T MAKE ME HAPPY
ELIHLE...
I... I WANT TO HAVE A CHILD WITH YOU.
... WHEN IS... YOUR TIME OF ECSTASY?

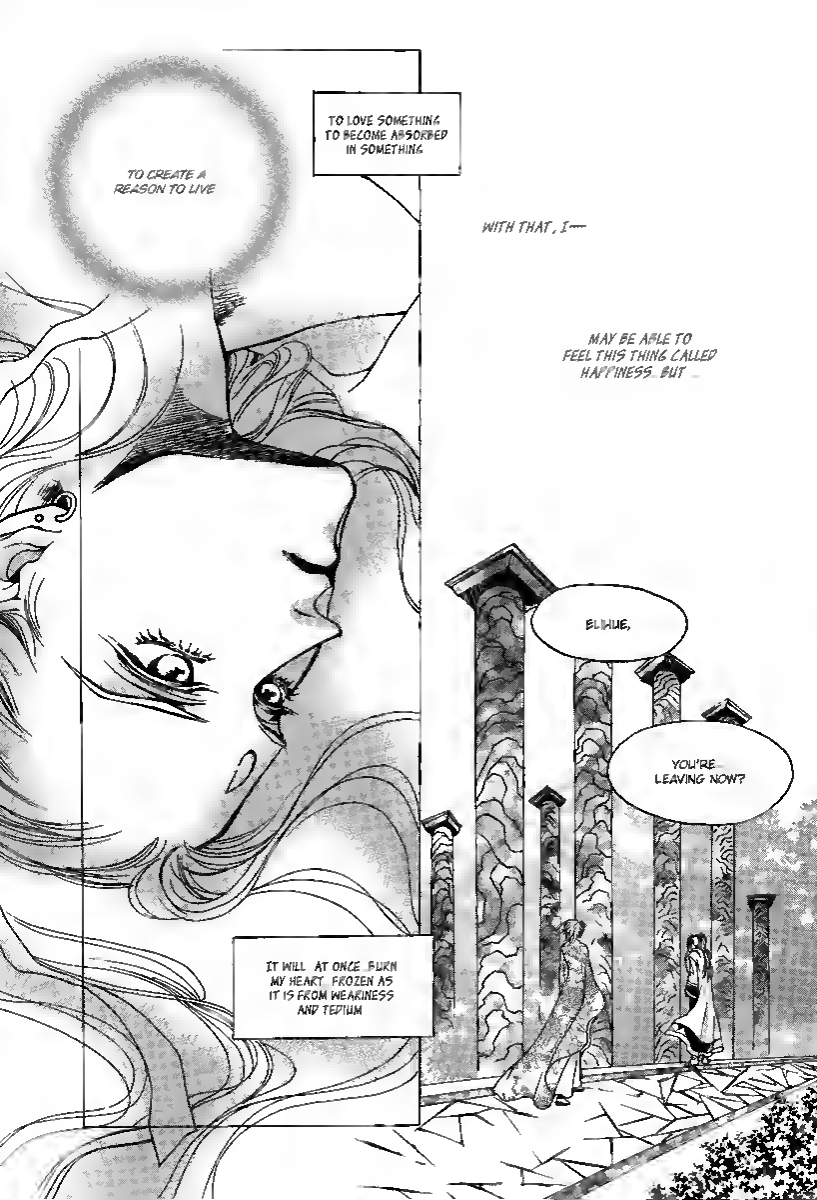
IT ALREADY PASSED
THE EXIT I GROPED FOR
SOON ENDED AS A FAILURE
WAIT... ELIHUE, PLEASE--!
I TOLD YOU I DON'T WANT ANYTHING...
I LOVE YOU... I ALREADY TOLD YOU, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME
IF THEY WERE HAPPY, BECAUSE THEY LOVED ME.

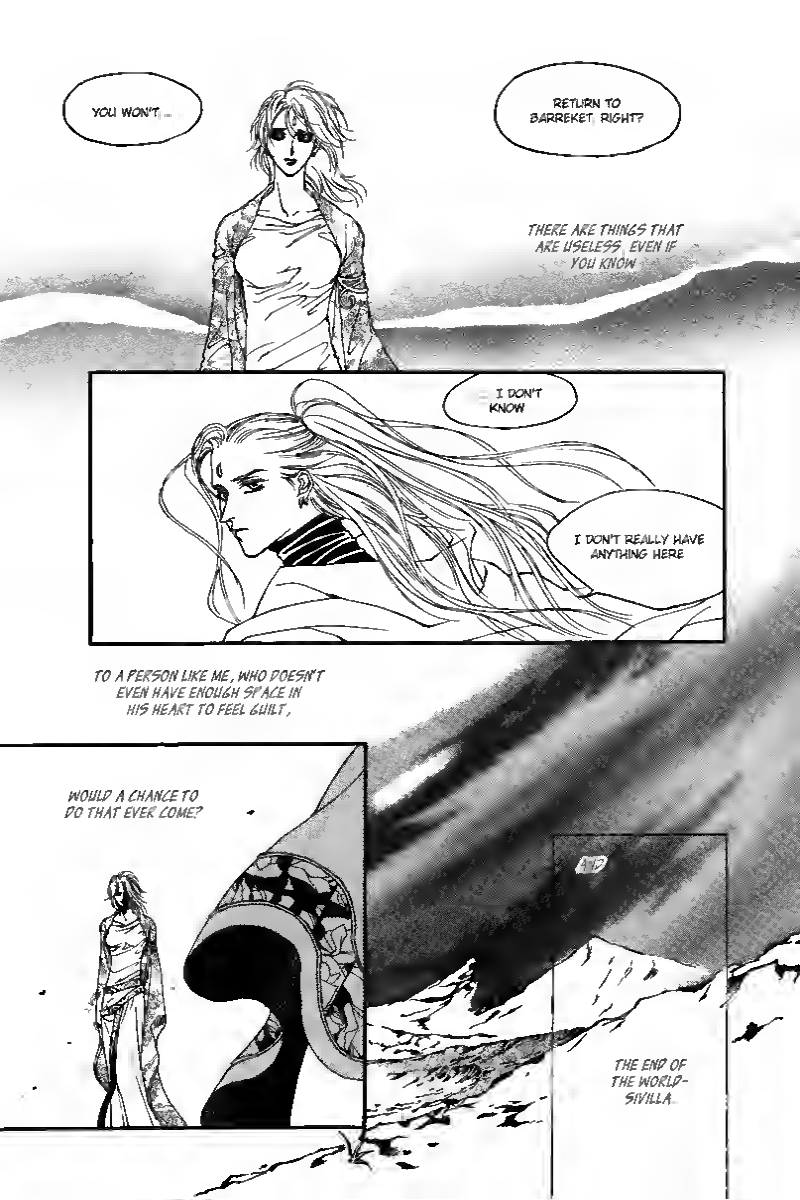
I CAN CONCLUDE
LOGICALLY, THAT I TOO CAN DO IT
THEN,
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
IS PART OF ME BROKEN?
... I DON'T KNOW...
PERHAPS, IF BEING TOO MATURE FOR YOUR AGE COUNTS
THE ONLY WOMAN
WHO CAUGHT MY GAZE FOR A WHILE, BECAUSE SHE WAS SO BEAUTIFUL

SURELY, I MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED SOMETHING MORE FROM HER...
WHAT'S THE POINT OF THINKING ABOUT EVERYTHING SO SERIOUSLY?*
WHETHER WE WORRY ABOUT WHAT TO LIVE FOR OR NOT, THE GREAT NATURE'S TIME DOESN'T STOP
BUT BEFORE THAT SOMETHING GAINED A FORM,
SHE CHOSE DEATH

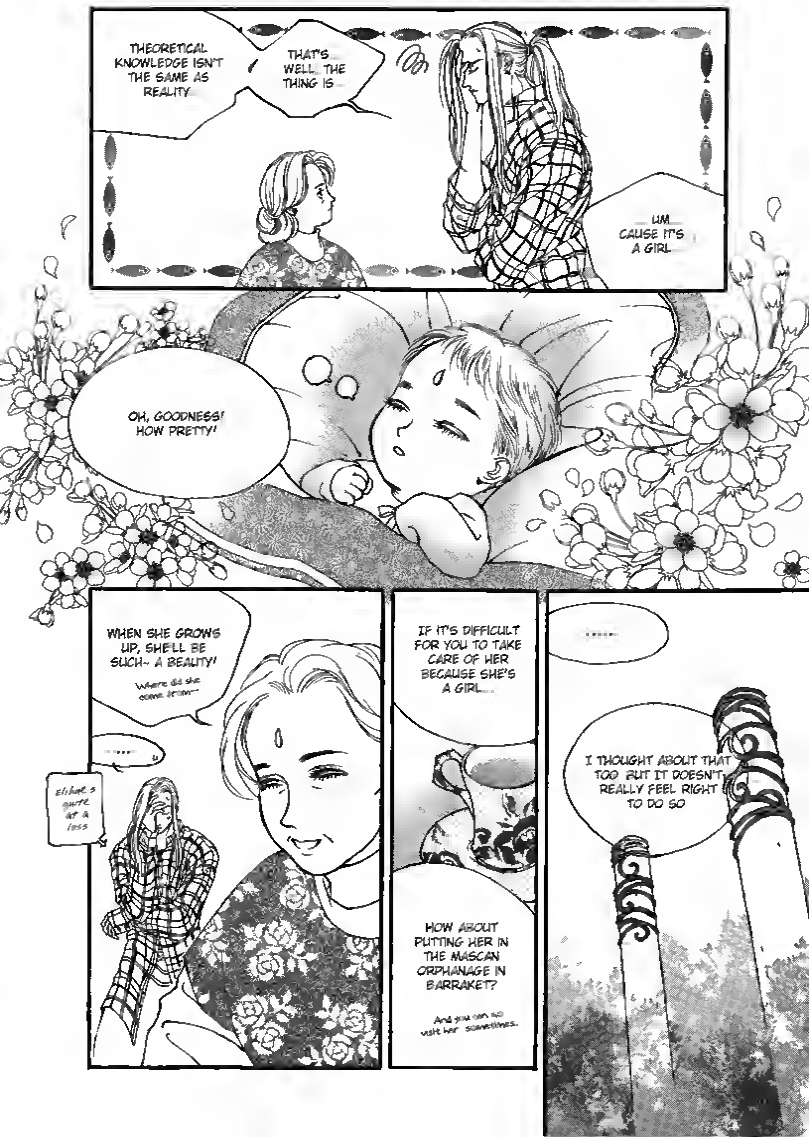

A LITTLE BIT OF SADNESS,
AND A LITTLE BIT OF PITY
IN FRONT OF MY FIRST
ADORATION'S HEARTBREAK

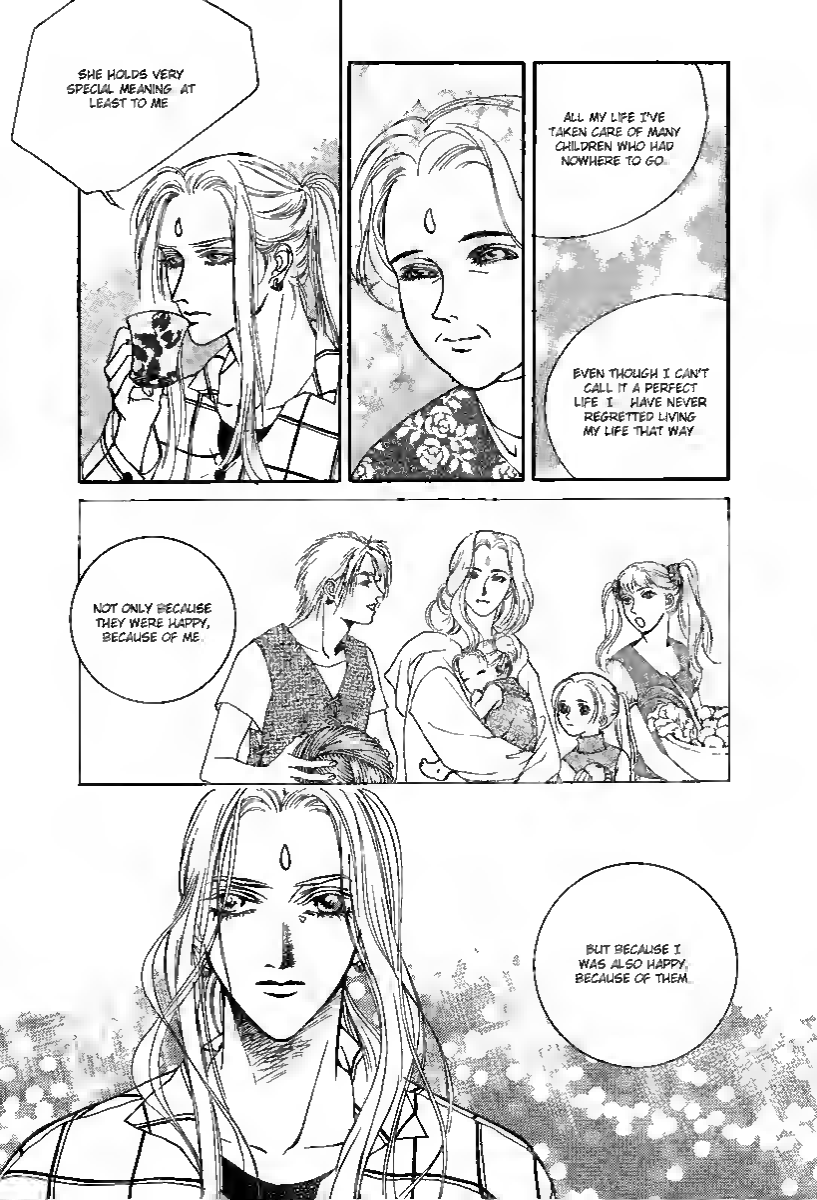
AHH, YES...
I HAD ALREADY KNOWN—
WHAT I WANT
FROM MY LIFE...

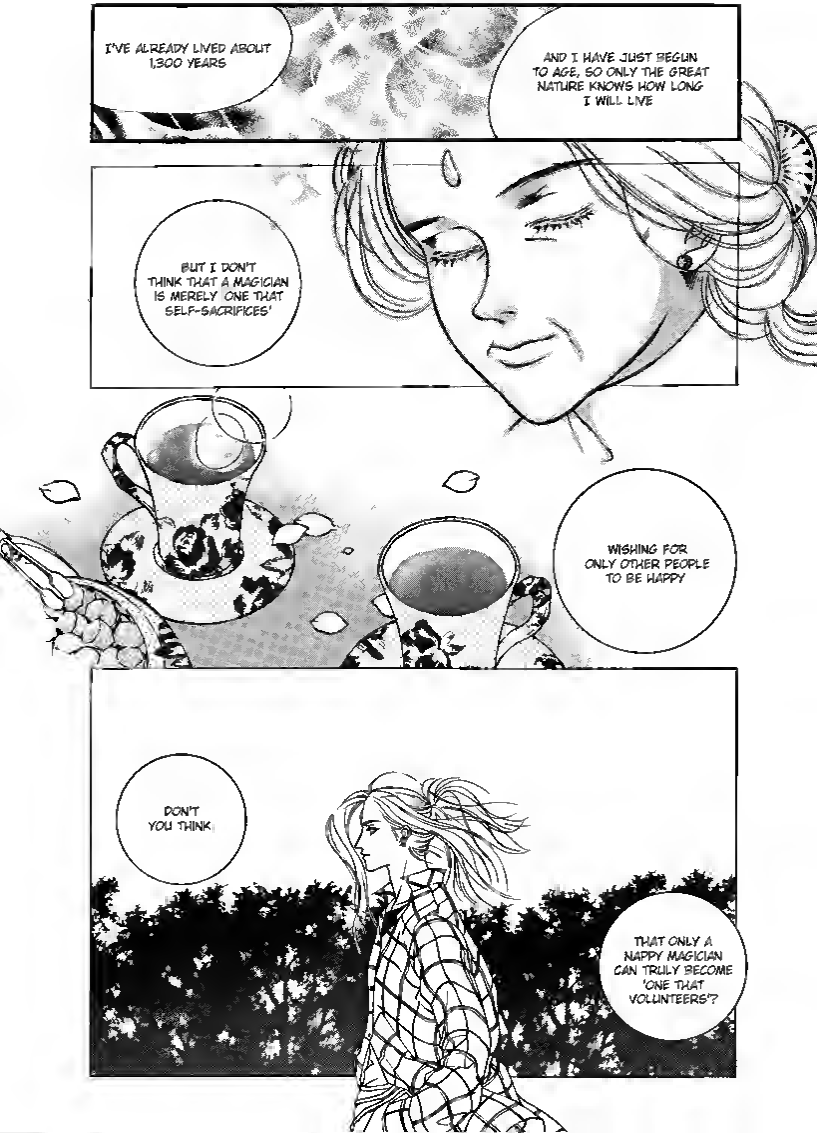

TO CREATE A REASON TO LIVE
TO LOVE SOMETHING TO BECOME ABSORBED IN SOMETHING
WITH THAT, I—
MAY BE ABLE TO FEEL THIS THING CALLED HAPPINESS. BUT ...
IT WILL AT ONCE BURN MY HEART FROZEN AS IT IS FROM WEARINESS AND TEDIUM
ELWHE,
YOU'RE... LEAVING NOW?

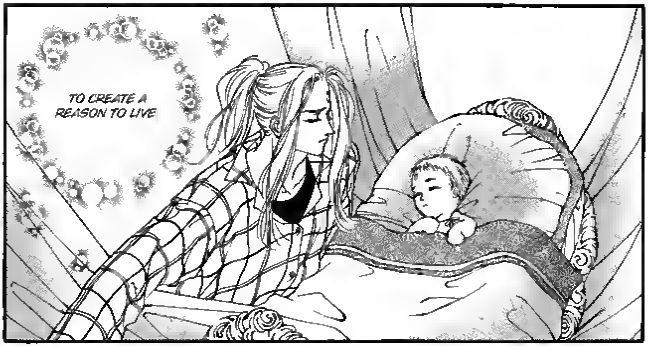

YOU WON'T ...
RETURN TO BARREKET, RIGHT?
THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE USELESS, EVEN IF YOU KNOW
I DON'T KNOW
I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING HERE
TO A PERSON LIKE ME, WHO DOESN'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH SPACE IN HIS HEART TO FEEL GUILT,
WOULD A CHANCE TO DO THAT EVER COME?
END
THE END OF THE WORLD- SIVILLA

THERE
I GAINED HER
MY
THAT'S WHY YOU CAME TO THIS OLD WOMAN FOR ADVICE
BUT EVEN YOU, SIR ELIHUE...
DON'T YOU ALREADY KNOW A LITTLE ABOUT RAISING BABIES?


THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE ISN'T THE SAME AS REALITY...
THAT'S... WELL... THE THING IS...
...UM... CAUSE IT'S A GIRL...
OH, GOODNESS! HOW PRETTY!
WHEN SHE GROWS UP, SHE'LL BE SUCH- A BEAUTY!
Where did she come from--
...Yeah...
Eh-but, I'm quite at a loss
IF IT'S DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO TAKE CARE OF HER BECAUSE SHE'S A GIRL...
HOW ABOUT PUTTING HER IN THE MASCAN ORPHANAGE IN BARRAKET?
And you can go visit her sometimes.
I THOUGHT ABOUT THAT TOO BUT IT DOESN'T REALLY FEEL RIGHT TO DO SO


SHE HOLDS VERY SPECIAL MEANING AT LEAST TO ME
ALL MY LIFE I'VE TAKEN CARE OF MANY CHILDREN WHO HAD NOWHERE TO GO.
EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T CALL IT A PERFECT LIFE I HAVE NEVER REGRETTED LIVING MY LIFE THAT WAY
NOT ONLY BECAUSE THEY WERE HAPPY, BECAUSE OF ME.
BUT BECAUSE I WAS ALSO HAPPY, BECAUSE OF THEM.


I'VE ALREADY LIVED ABOUT 1,300 YEARS
AND I HAVE JUST BEGUN TO AGE, SO ONLY THE GREAT NATURE KNOWS HOW LONG I WILL LIVE
BUT I DON'T THINK THAT A MAGICIAN IS MERELY 'ONE THAT SELF-SACRIFICES'
WISHING FOR ONLY OTHER PEOPLE TO BE HAPPY
DON'T YOU THINK
THAT ONLY A HAPPY MAGICIAN CAN TRULY BECOME 'ONE THAT VOLUNTEERS'?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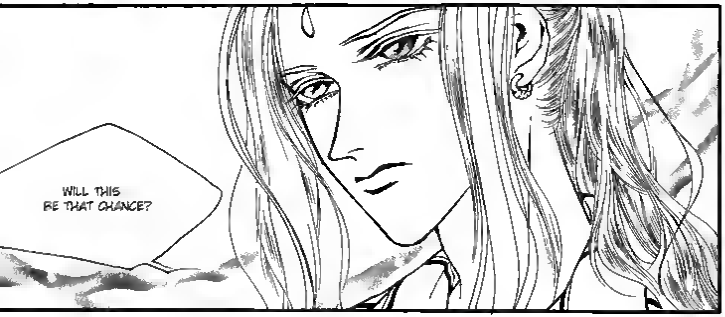
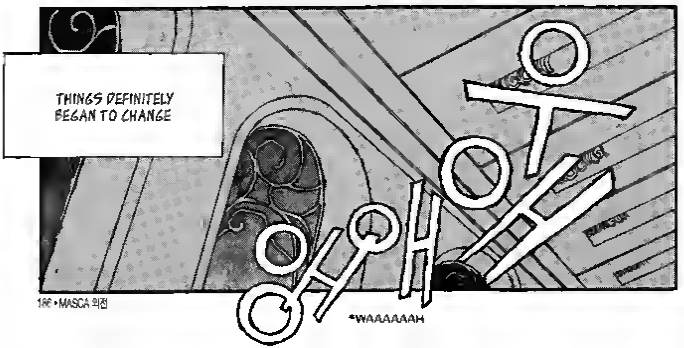
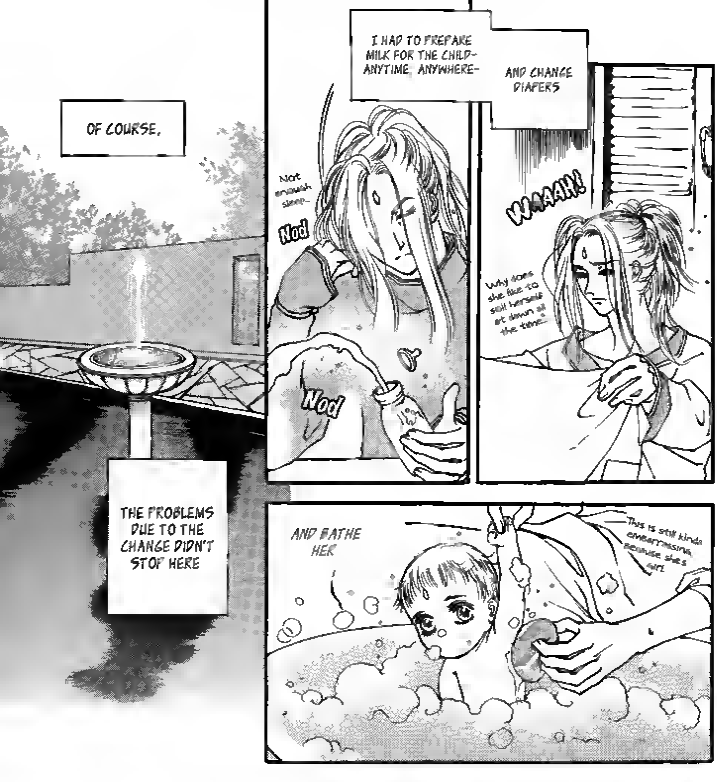

WILL THIS
BE THAT CHANCE?

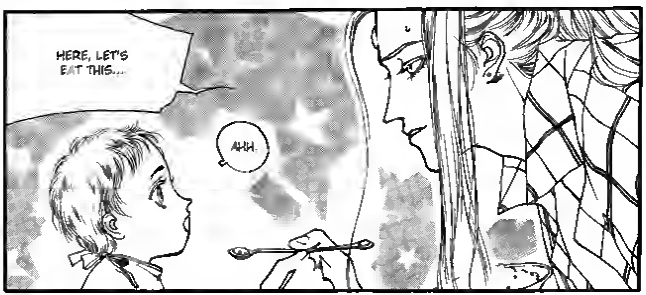
AND—

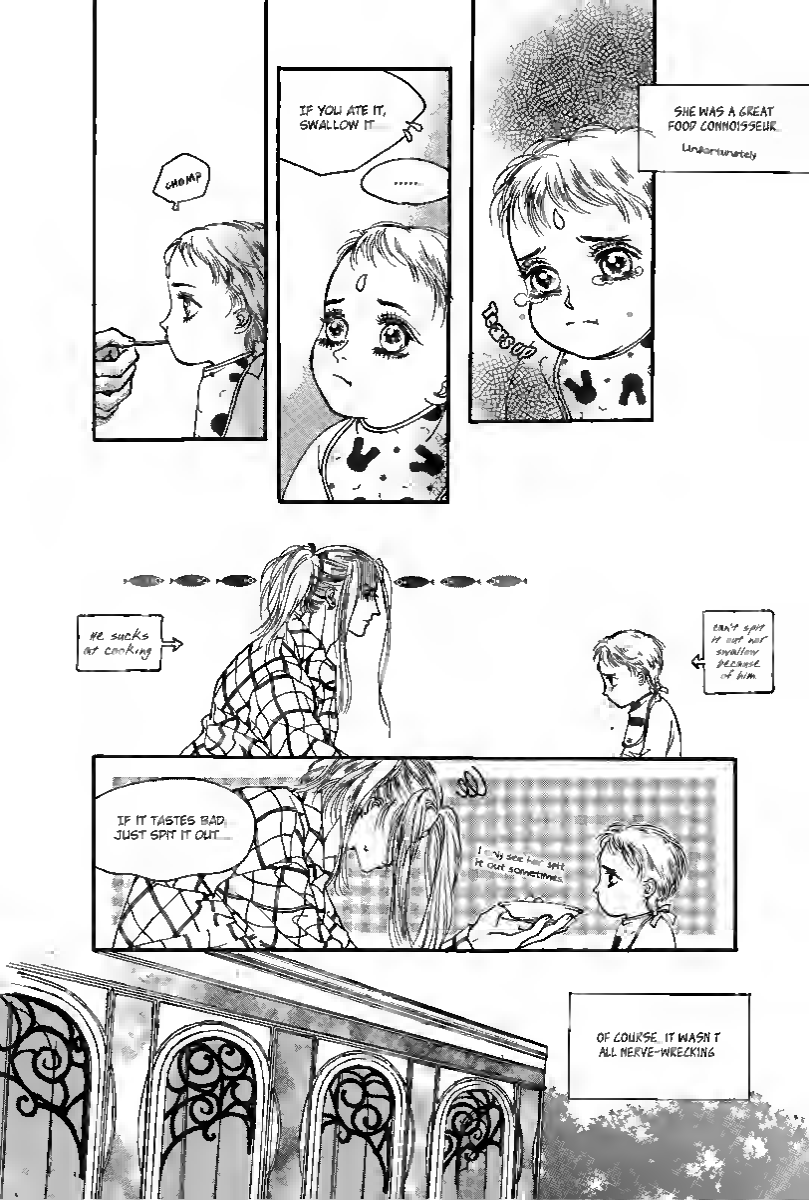

THINGS DEFINITELY
BEGAN TO CHANGE
OH OH
*WAAAAAAH

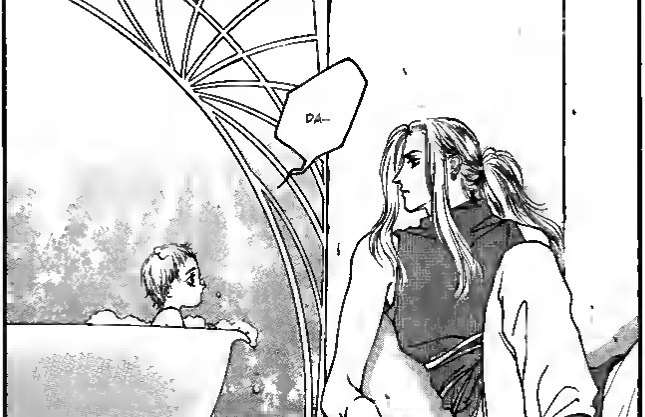
*WAAAAH
*WAAAAH
P- PLEASE DON'T CRY..
BE A GOOD GIRL?
WHAT'S WRONG HUH?
....!
RATTLE
RATTLE
HUH?
.....
Smile
*TOSS
*WAAAAH
They're fake nails
HUH?!
Somehow he's really impressed by this


OF COURSE,
I HAD TO PREPARE MILK FOR THE CHILD- ANYTIME, ANYWHERE-
AND CHANGE DIAPERS
Nod!
Nod
WAAAH!
Why does she like to sail herself at dawn at the time!
THE PROBLEMS DUE TO THE CHANGE DIDN'T STOP HERE
AND BATHE HER
This is still kinda embarrassing because she's girl.

AND—


HERE, LET'S EAT THIS...
AHH.


CHOMP
IF YOU ATE IT, SWALLOW IT
.....
SHE WAS A GREAT FOOD CONNOISSEUR
Unfortunately
Tears up
He sucks at cooking
can't spit it out nor swallow because of him
IF IT TASTES BAD, JUST SPIT IT OUT....
I'll try and spit it out sometime...
OF COURSE, IT WASN'T ALL NERVE-WRECKING

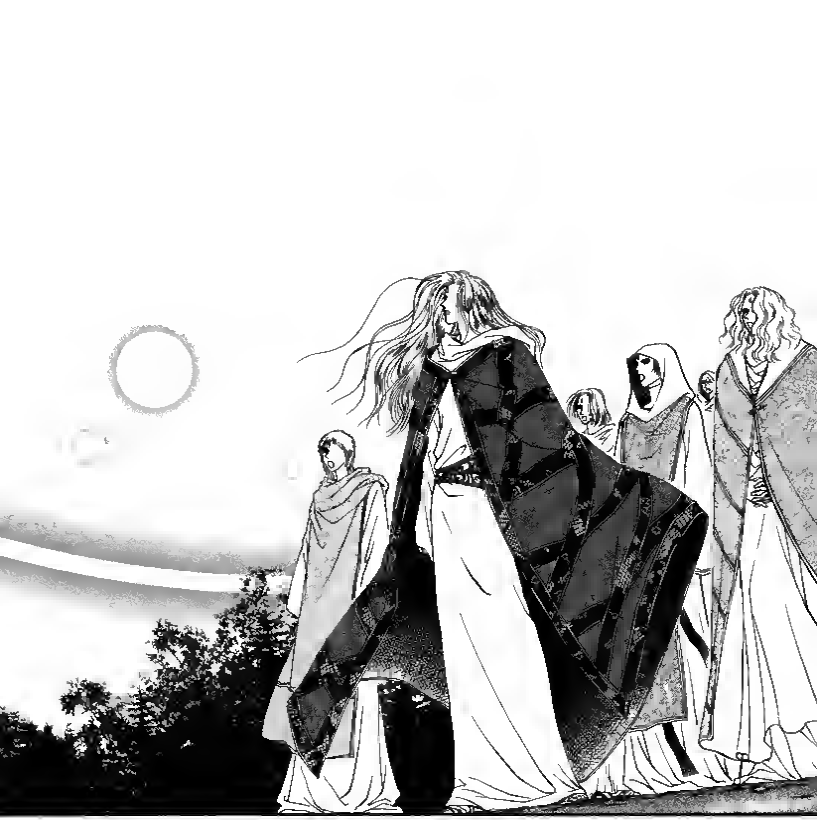

DA-

Did she just-
Overcome with emotions

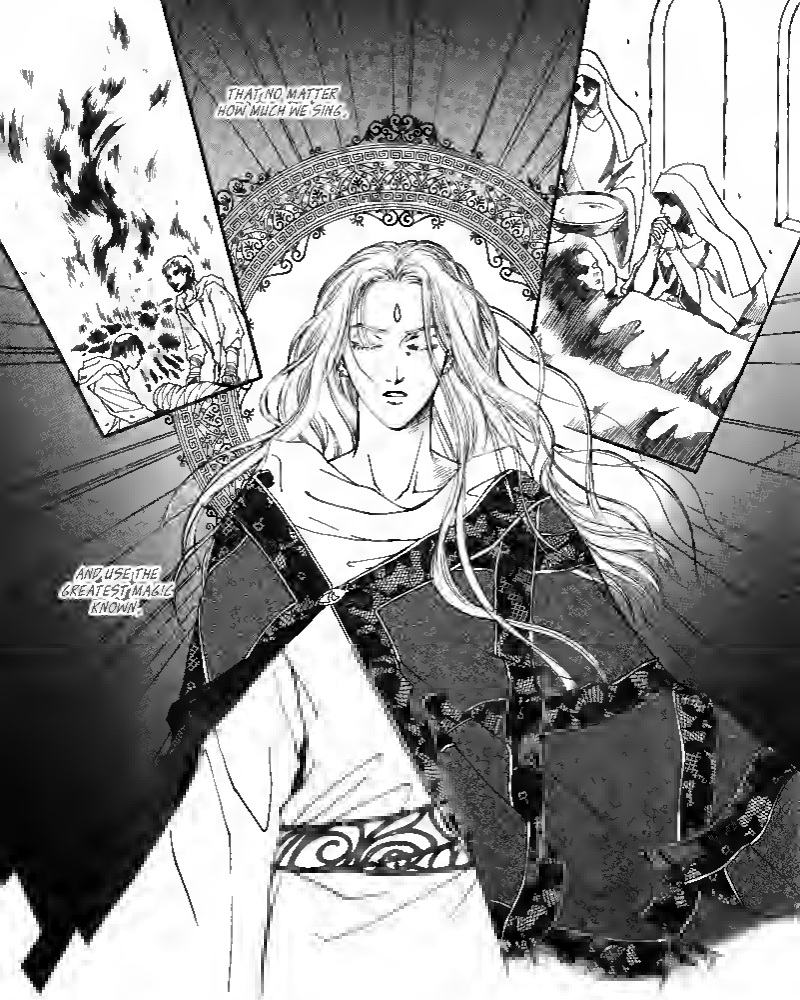
BUT,
DOESN'T LIKE IT SOMEHOW
BECAME ADDICTED TO HER
I SLOWLY
CALL ME TEACHER, NOT DADDY.
I said teacher

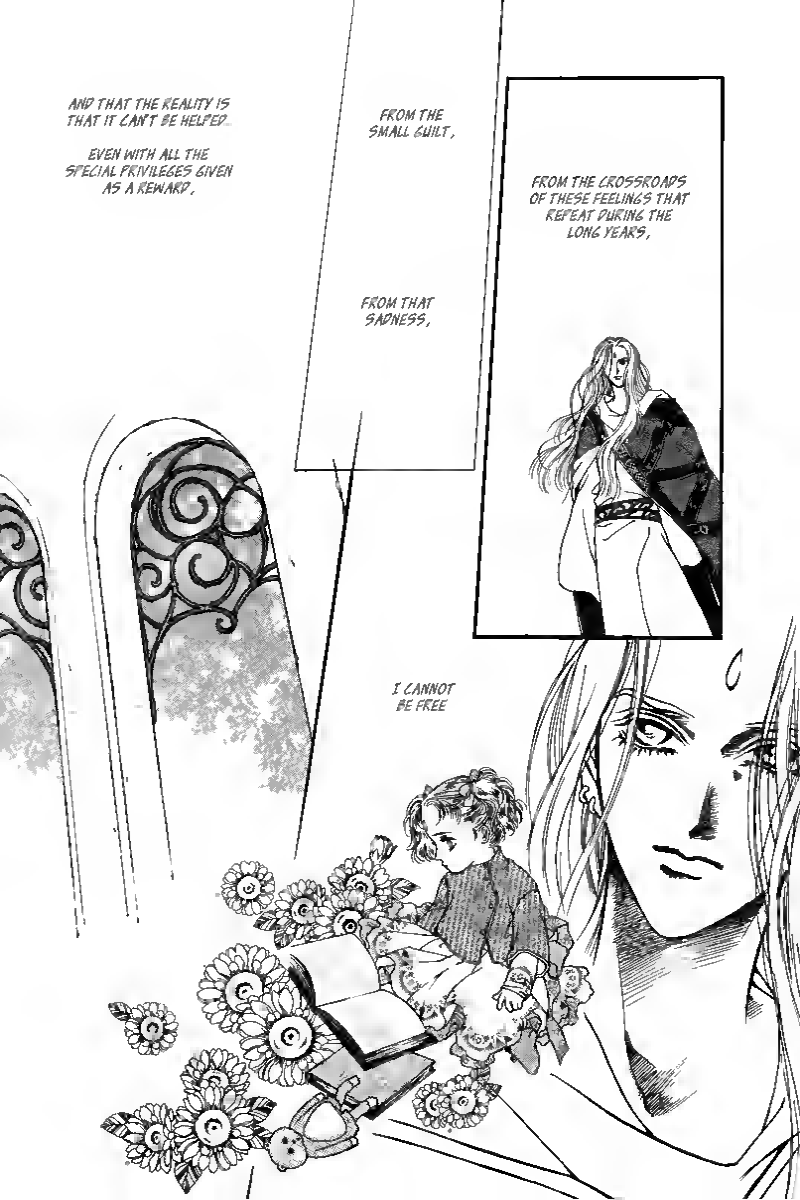
ON THE YEAR OF LION WHEN SHE BECAME FIVE.
AN EPIDEMIC SPREAD THROUGH THE SMALL SOUTHERN CITIES IN SIVILLA.

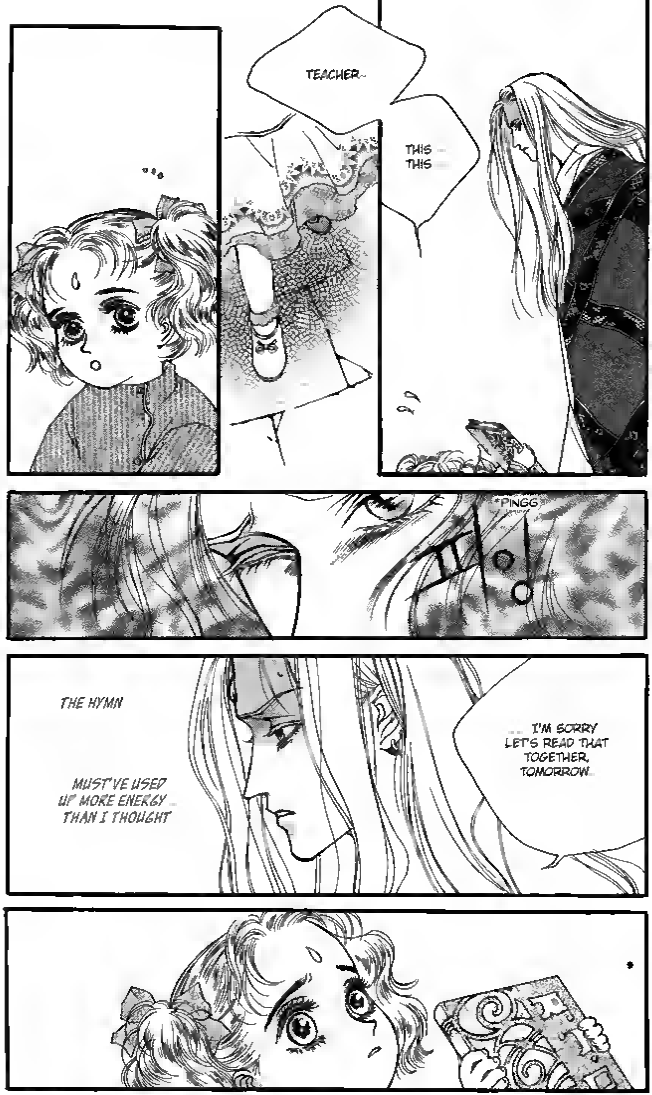
THE DAMAGE IS WORSE THAN WE THOUGHT...
CAN WE DO ANYTHING HERE?
LET US SING THE HYMN OF RESTORATION.
.....
THE HYMN OF RESTORATION
A SPECIAL TYPE OF MAGIC WHICH IS SENT OUT THROUGH SOUND WAVES (A.K.A SONG) IT ADDS LIFE TO EVERY LIVING THING, ASSISTING BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL RESTORATION



I ALWAYS
REALIZED THIS


THAT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE SING,
AND USE THE GREATEST MAGIC KNOWN,
MAGICIANS
CAN NEVER SAVE EVERYONE


AND THAT THE REALITY IS THAT IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
EVEN WITH ALL THE SPECIAL PRIVILEGES GIVEN AS A REWARD,
FROM THE SMALL GUILT,
FROM THAT SADNESS,
FROM THE CROSSROADS OF THESE FEELINGS THAT REPEAT DURING THE LONG YEARS,
I CANNOT BE FREE


TEACHER...
THIS... THIS...
"PINGG"
THE HYMN
MUST'VE USED UP MORE ENERGY THAN I THOUGHT
... I'M SORRY LET'S READ THAT TOGETHER, TOMORROW.

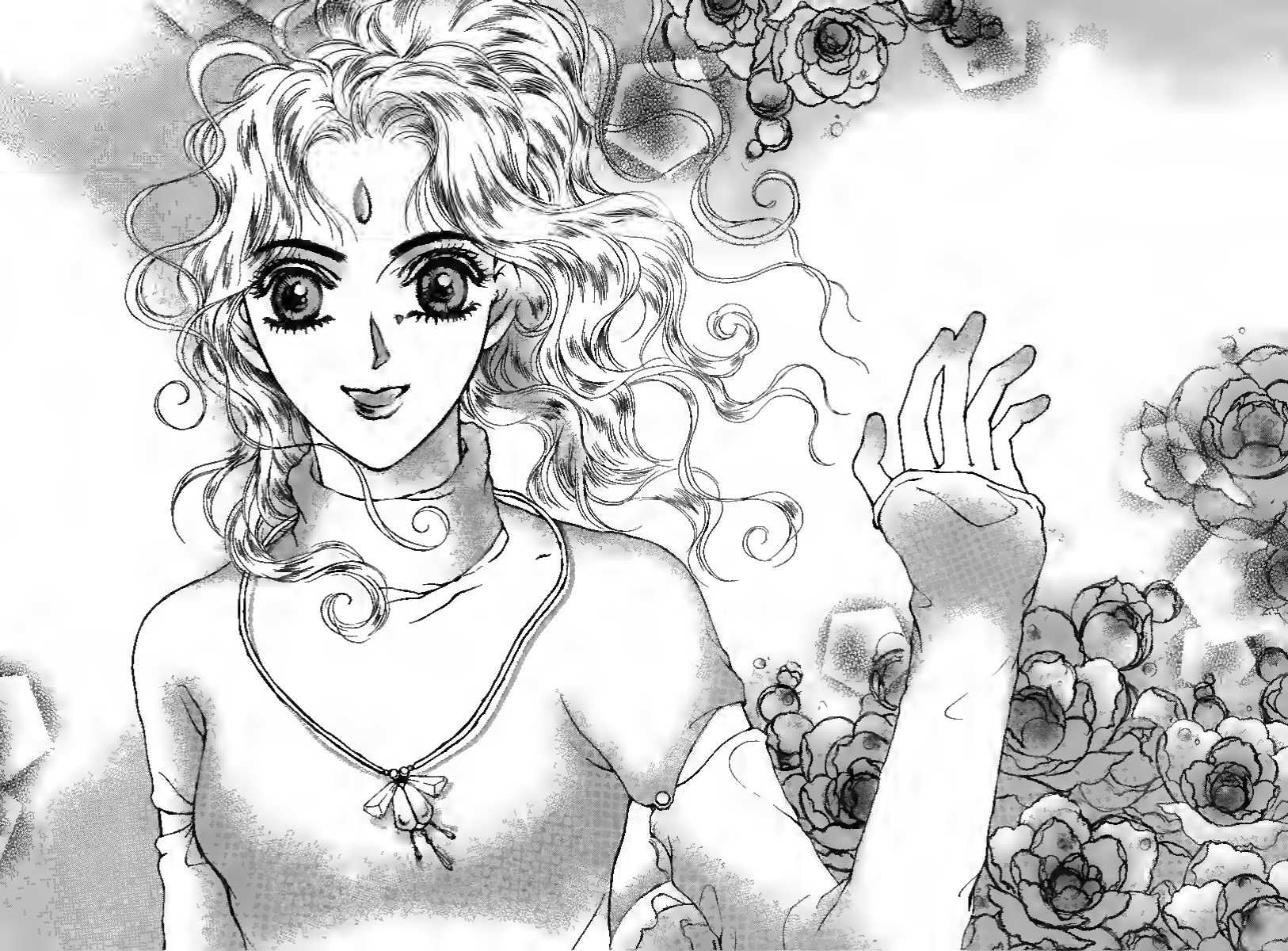
NO, READ IT TO ME NOW.
I'M... A BIT SICK RIGHT NOW NEXT TIME...
BUT YOU PROMISED-
RELL
I'M NOT SAYING I'LL BREAK OUR PROMISE!
PLEASE... JUST STOP... ALREADY....

SOMETIMES,
I SUFFER UNBEARABLY
APART FROM PHYSICAL FATIGUE CROWDING IN AND TORTURING MY HEAVY HEAD
LIKE A ROCKET ABOUT SOMETHING I'VE DONE
THAT
KEEPS
WEIGHING DOWN SOMETHING HEAVY, IN MY HEART...

THAT NIGHT,
I HEARD THE HYMN OF RESTORATION IN MY DREAMS
SO TENDER AND DELICATE, A LOVELY SONG AS IF A SMALL BIRD WAS SINGING
THAT
WASN'T A SONG OF DUTY
OR NEED
IT WAS A SONG JUST FOR ME

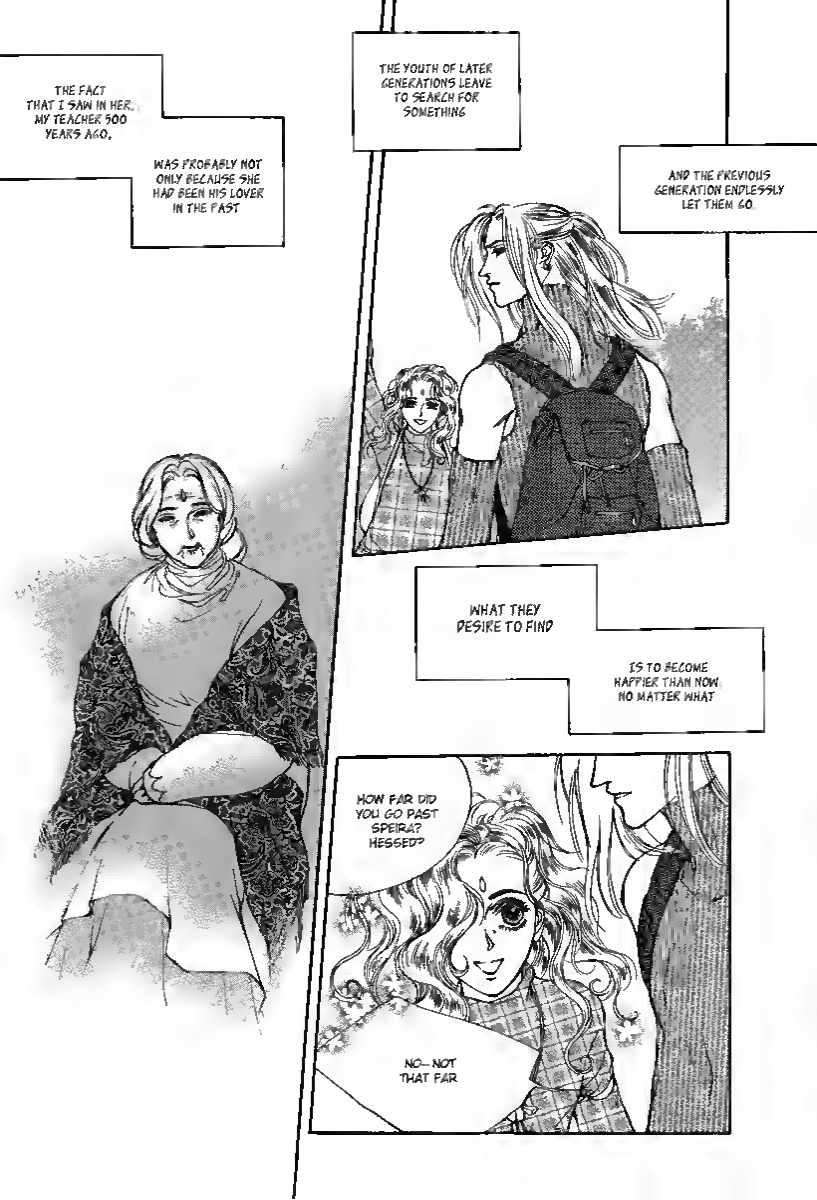
WAS THE FIRST MAGIC SHE HAD EVER USED IN HER LIFE,
THAT
A type of restoration, a bit of the arms are kitsune.
"AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, I WAS ABLE TO KNOW WHAT MAKES A PERSON KEEP ON LIVING.

OH-UM...
TEACHER
OVER HERE ~!
.....!



WOW, MY TEACHER HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL.
EVEN THOUGH I'VE GROWN THIS MUCH—
THE SPRING WHEN SHE TURNED 15
HOW WAS THE JOURNEY?
AH... IT WAS OKAY...
SIR ELIWUE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TALK TO THIS OLD LADY?
OF COURSE I WILL— HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
PERHAPS BECAUSE SHE WAS A HALF-BLOOD, HER GROWTH WAS FASTER THAN I THOUGHT
GRANDMA NOAH,
I'LL COME VISIT YOU FOR SURE NEXT YEAR

NEXT YEAR-? WILL YOU REALLY BE ABLE TO?
Chu
WAH- I SAID I DEFINITELY WILL
BABY
YOU REMEMBER WHAT
I ALWAYS SAID TO YOU, RIGHT?
OF COURSE, GRANDMA
NO MATTER WHAT. I WILL CHOOSE THE WAY THAT MAKES ME HAPPY
NOAH WHAT HAD SHE FORESEEN?
WHAT COULD SHE HAVE
THANK YOU, FOR TAKING CARE OF THAT CHILD WHILE I WAS GONE FOR 3 YEARS.

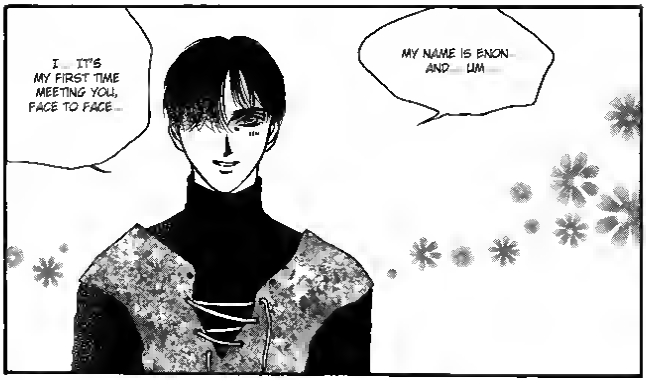

THE FACT THAT I SAW IN HER, MY TEACHER 500 YEARS AGO,
WAS PROBABLY NOT ONLY BECAUSE SHE HAD BEEN HIS LOVER IN THE PAST
THE YOUTH OF LATER GENERATIONS LEAVE TO SEARCH FOR SOMETHING
AND THE PREVIOUS GENERATION ENDLESSLY LET THEM GO.
WHAT THEY DESIRE TO FIND
IS TO BECOME HAPPIER THAN NOW, NO MATTER WHAT
HOW FAR DID YOU GO PAST SPEIRA? HESSED?
NO... NOT THAT FAR

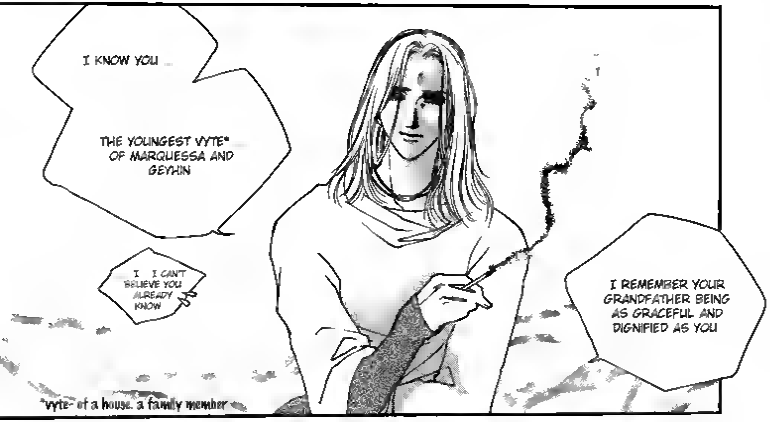
JUST LIKE HOW I LEFT MY TEACHER TO FIND IT 500 YEARS AGO.
I WANT TO GO TOO
THIS CHILD WILL ONE DAY
LEAVE MY SIDE
DID YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY AT MS NOAH'S?
OF COURSE. I WENT TO RESEM* WITH HER AND MADE A VERY SPECIAL FRIEND TOO
A SPECIAL FRIEND?

*Resem: a large city in western Sivilla.

COME IN, QUICKLY!
OH MY TEACHER'S OVER THERE
ANOTHER CHANGE BEGAN FOR ME
THAT MOMENT,

ENON
THIS IS MY TEACHER ELIHUE.
N- NICE TO MEET YOU GLORY TO YOUR... GREAT NAME...
BOW





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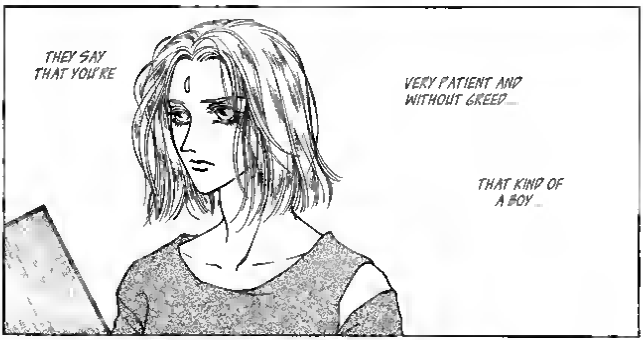
IT WAS ABOUT A YEAR AGO...
THAT'S RIGHT. IT WAS WHEN TASHI LOST CHENA AND THEN FOUND IT AGAIN
WHO'S CHENA?
WAS IT DURING THE RESEM'S GREAT NATURE'S HOLY FESTIVAL CEREMONY... ENON DID WE MEET ON THE 2ND DAY?
IT'S TASHI'S MUROM'S NAME. It's so cute.
You look dream on your face
W-what?

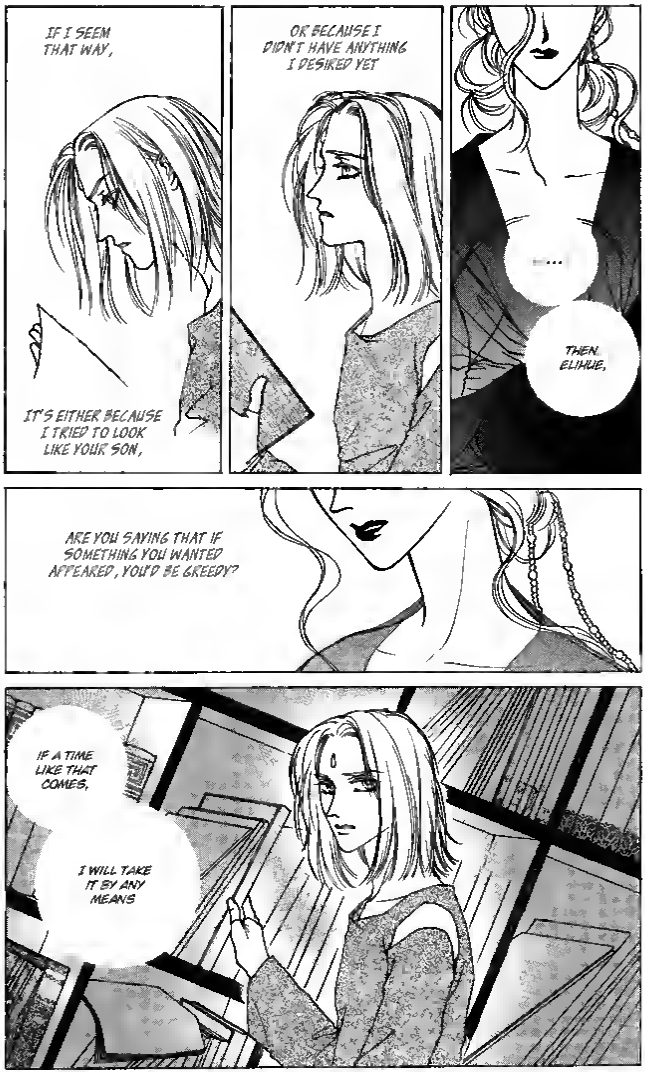
WHAT I REALIZED THAT DAY, WERE TWO THINGS
THAT SHE NOW HAS A TERRITORY THAT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT,
AND THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, LISTENING WITH INTEREST
AND SOMETIMES SENDING SMILES
CONCENTRATING
SINCE YOU TOLD HIM MY MISTAKE THAT DAY...
NO DON'T TELL HIM!

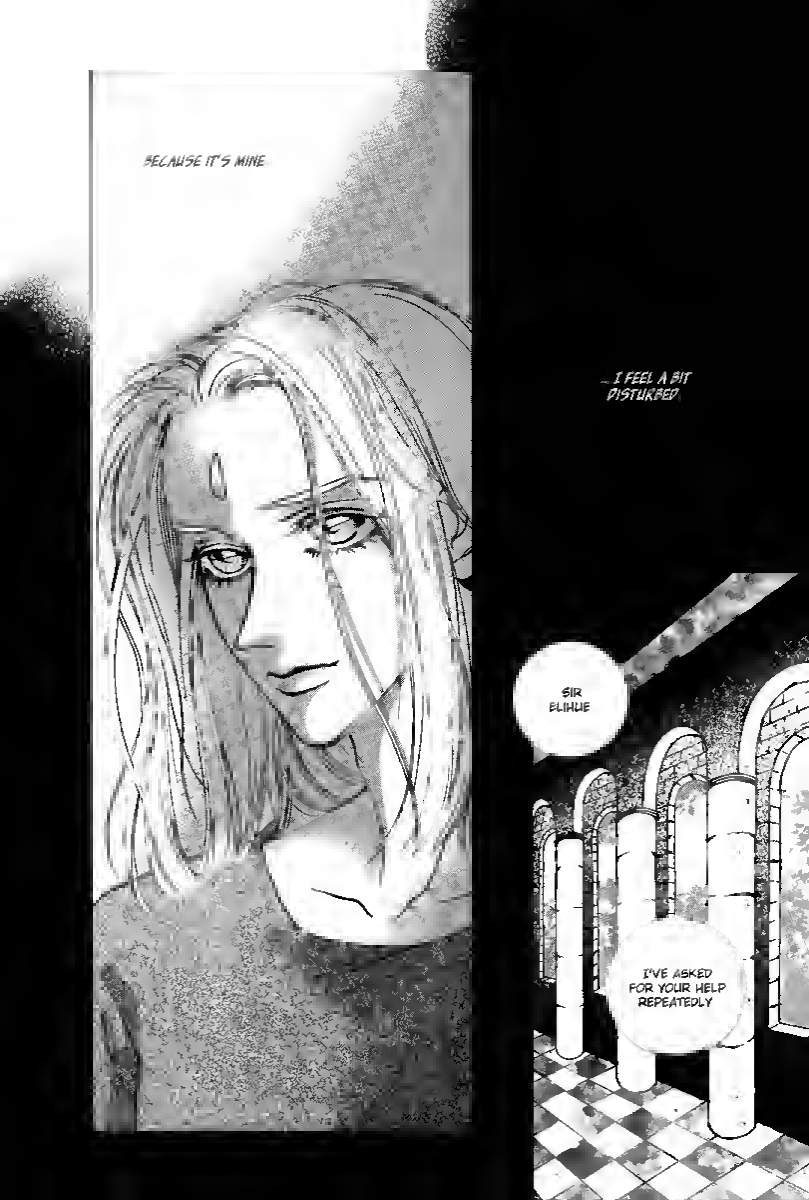
ON SOMEONE...
WHO'S NOT ME

ELIHUE

MANY ARE
PRAISING YOU




IF I SEEM THAT WAY,
IT'S EITHER BECAUSE I TRIED TO LOOK LIKE YOUR SON,
OR BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING I DESIRED YET
...
THEN, ELIHUE,
ARE YOU SAYING THAT IF SOMETHING YOU WANTED APPEARED, YOU'D BE GREEDY?
IF A TIME LIKE THAT COMES,
I WILL TAKE IT BY ANY MEANS


BECAUSE IT'S MINE
... I FEEL A BIT DISTURBED
SIR ELIHUE
I'VE ASKED FOR YOUR HELP REPEATEDLY

IF IT'S ABOUT THE SOUTHERN WAR, I CANNOT HELP YOU.
I FEEL LIKE I HAD A DREAM, OF LONG AGO...
WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR A WAY TO WIN A LOSING BATTLE
WE ONLY WANT YOU TO CONTROL THOSE WHO ARE OVERLY GREEDY FOR RITS
I BELIEVE THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PEOPLE LIKE THAT
IT'S A BIT OF A DIFFERENT STORY THIS TIME
BECAUSE THE SONS OF MARQUESSA AND GEYHIN
ARE ALL ANNOUNCING THEIR INTENTIONS TO ENTER THE WAR

IF THEY MEAN MARQUESSA
THE GENERATIONS OF A POWERFUL LEADER MAY BE WIPED OUT
IF IT'S YOU, THEY'LL LISTEN
THEN THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO BE INVOLVED
THIS IS A PROBLEM OF HONOR, NOT DUTY
I'VE COMPLETELY REMEMBERED THE DREAM

I AM...
A GREEDY
HUMAN—
ONLY A MERE MAGICIAN.
AND
ASARELLA...
ENON—
CAN I COME UP?
YOU'RE GOING TO WAR? WHY?
WHY IS THAT AN HONOR?
IF OUR VYTE WINS MERITS IN THIS BATTLE
WE CAN RUN FOR OFFICE TO BE IN THE RULING ELECTION COUNCIL
IT'S AN HONOR TO BECOME A RULER
ENON IS BECOMING A RULER?

IF WE BECOME THE RULING FAMILY, WE CAN...
WITH MASCANS...
...YOU HAD A GUEST OVER.
WHAT IS THE SON OF MARQUESSA DOING ALL THE WAY OVER HERE...
GREAT MAGICIAN!
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PLEASE FORGIVE MY RUDENESS
I HUMBLY ASK YOU...

... THUS, I AM GOING TO THE BATTLEFIELD
PLEASE— FOR ME
PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR HOLY BLESSINGS
ASAKELLA, MY BABY
.....
SURE.
IT SEEMS THAT IT'S ALL I CAN DO FOR YOU...
I WON'T SAY SOMETHING HYPOCRITICAL, LIKE ASKING YOU TO FORGIVE ME

THOUGH I THOUGHT IT WAS SUPPRESSED AND FORGOTTEN,
SINCE THE CRUEL INNOCENCE OF THE BOY, WHO MADE HIS PETTY DECISIONS ABOUT HIS IMMATURE DESIRES,
HAS RAISED ITS HEAD,
I WILL PROBABLY
CONTINUE TO SEND AWAY THE PRECIOUS PEOPLE BY YOUR SIDE

I WILL MAKE YOU CRY,
WITH THIS SELFISH GREED OF MINE...

About "You, So Lovely to Me"

It's the story of Elihue that was most popular out of the side stories. Although I think it's because of the adorable baby Rell since even the readers who hate Asarella have been generous towards baby Rell ^^^

Many people thought it was surprising to see Elihue's new dad role. An ill-tempered annoyed dad. Some said that they imagined him to be a kind and loving dad even though it would've been obvious since Elihue only cares about himself. Does Elihue still seem like a milky soft man? The most enjoyable reaction was from those who were surprised about Elihue's complicated (!) female relationships. Hey Elihue is only a young man on the outside. He's actually over 200 years old. Wouldn't it be weirder to say he didn't have any at all? To tell you the truth. Kainen is the one without experience with women. (It's normal to think that the author is the crazy one ^^) No one believes that huh?

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